

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-19 are allowed

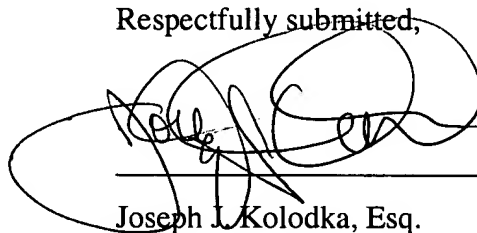
Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to incorporate the subject matters of claims 2 and 22, respectively, in reply to the indication that claims 2 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to properly depend from amended claim 1. All remaining claims are now allowed or depend from an allowable claim.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed and the application is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Any extension fees due and owing should be charged to deposit account no. 07-0832

October 27, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph J. Kolodka', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and flourishes.

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